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TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO SITUATION REPORT

Pre-Storm Situation Report 01
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EOC Activation Level: 3-Monitoring

CURRENT SITUATION:

Due to Tropical Storm Ernesto's current track, this storm poses a threat to St. Lucie County and requires close monitoring. The St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center is monitoring this storm. St. Lucie County EOC is participating in state sponsored conference calls in conjunction with the National Hurricane Center. We will continue to monitor the storm track and will advise as additional information is provided with the National Weather Service. St. Lucie County is advising that citizens' storm preparations should be underway at this time. For more information on Hurricane Preparedness, visit www.stlucieco.gov/eoc.

COUNTY ACTIONS:

- ❑ St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center will be at full activation beginning 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 29. The EOC will be at partial activation Tuesday, August 29 at 8 a.m.
- ❑ Beginning at noon today, all political signs should be removed by noon Tuesday, August 29.
- ❑ The Hurricane Information Line will activate at noon Tuesday, August 29. The number is (772) 462-2766. Residents should NOT call 911, except for emergencies.
- ❑ All St. Lucie County Public Schools will have early dismissal on Tuesday, August 29 and be CLOSED Wednesday, August 30.
- ❑ St. Anastasia Catholic School and John Carroll High School will be closed Wednesday, August 30.
- ❑ On Tuesday, August 29, the following Special Needs Shelters will open at 5 p.m.: Dan McCarty Middle School, 1201 Mississippi Avenue in Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie Community Center, 2195 SE Airoso Blvd. in Port St. Lucie.
- ❑ On Tuesday, August 29, the following General Shelters will open at 6 p.m.: Fort Pierce – Fort Pierce Westwood High School, 1801 Panther Lane; Lakewood Park Elementary,

7800 Indrio Road; Port St. Lucie – Village Green Elementary School, 1700 Lennard Road and Morningside Elementary School, 2300 SE Gowin Drive.

- ❑ Residents going to a General Shelter must have a picture ID.
- ❑ Residents going to any shelter should bring a pillow, blanket, three day supply of non-perishable food, three day supply of water, prescription medicines, important papers, change of clothing, and personal hygiene articles. No pets, alcohol or firearms permitted in any shelter.
- ❑ A decision on the closing of St. Lucie County Government offices, Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie City Halls will be made at 5 p.m. today.
- ❑ St. Lucie County Department Directors have begun early storm preparations per the County's Hurricane Manual.
- ❑ Residents should listen to WQCS 88.9 FM at 8 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. beginning Tuesday, August 29 for regularly scheduled updates. Information will also be available on the County's website at www.stlucieco.gov and on SLCTV Comcast Channel 21 throughout the day.